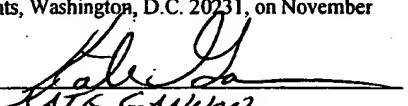


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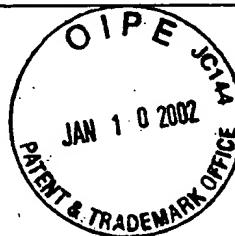
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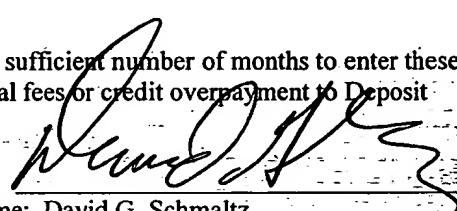
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Applicants propose to amend Figure 9 as shown in red on the attached copy.

With the Examiner's approval, the changes will be made to the formal drawings in due course.

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